



THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS MET ON MARCH 6, 2019 AT THE NANB HEADQUARTERS IN FREDERICTON.

Governance

- The Governance Committee maintains all functions of the prior Executive Committee and Nominations Committee—and enacts a key role in governance review.
- The Governance Committee of NANB meets every second month and continues the work of governance review at NANB. Part of the review includes transition to a different model of governance and review of all current policies. A small working group is engaged in policy review.
- Issues discussed at the most recent Governance Committee included: review of strategic priorities; viability of the Chapters model for member engagement; and a report from the policy working group.

Finance

Recommendations from the Finance Committee included approval for the 2018 Auditor's Report; 2019, and surplus management plan.

Regulation

The Board approved three potential resolutions for presentation to membership. The resolutions pertain to changes in NANB communication methods with members and the public; benefits for Life Members; and revisions to the

Executive and Nominations Committees. See the proposed resolutions on page 37.

The Board approved a number of governing rule (policy) changes including: Governance Committee; Board Director terms (from two years to three years); required clinical practice hours for NP registration; and out-of-province nurse graduates.

New! Entry-Level Competencies and Standards of Practice for Registered Nurses

In New Brunswick, the competencies required for entry to practice and the nursing practice standards are reviewed about every five years. This is similar in other provinces and territories, and in 2017 a national nursing group formed to review and update the existing national nursing competencies.

As part of the review/update process—New Brunswick nurses in a diverse range of nursing roles—were invited to provide feedback during stakeholder consultation events. The NANB Board of Directors approved the revised *Entry-Level Competencies (ELCs)* as presented during the March 2019 meeting.

The Board also approved the revised *Standards of Practice for Registered Nurses*. The Standards for Nursing Practice establish the regulatory and profes-

sional expectations for practising nurses.

Need to Know Files

In most Canadian provinces and jurisdictions RN-Prescribing is already implemented or nursing regulatory organizations are preparing for implementation. Benefits of RN-Prescribing are well documented as demonstrated by community nursing outcomes in the United Kingdom: improved access to care, nursing care in place (home/community), meeting population specific health needs (addictions/mental health).

A variety of models of RN-Prescribing models exist across Canada; some are very limited in scope while others include ordering of diagnostic tests, as well as medication prescribing. NANB staff completed an extensive jurisdictional review and cross-jurisdictional dialogue regarding planning and implementation processes, education requirements, and different models.

Following a presentation of findings to the NANB Board of Directors in March 2019—approval was granted for NANB development of a project charter, and further consultation with NB and Canadian stakeholder groups.